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25X1 1. The following beaches were  suitable landing places for  
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- a. From Patok to Cape Rodoni to Eresen.
- b. From Durres to Karpen.
- c. The area to the west of Lushnje and Fier, as far as Semani. These areas are suitable for landings by infantry or by tracked vehicles, but as these beaches are of sand, wheeled vehicles would encounter difficulty. The depth of the water ranges from 6 to 36 feet for a distance 2 to 3 miles from shore.

2. a. Patok-Cape Rodoni-Eresen: This beach is between 25,000 and 30,000 yards long, and is sandy its full length except at Cape Rodoni itself, where there is shingle. The main Shkoder-Terre road is about 10 kilometers to the north of this beach, and the Ishm-Bilalac-Terre road extends about 6 kilometers to the south. The hinterland is level with occasional wooded hills which vary in height from 300 to 800 feet. There are many villages which are joined to the main road by country roads. The two rivers Ishm and Eresen present little obstacle in summer. This beach is between 1 and 2 miles deep.

b. Durres to Karpen: This beach is between 15,000 and 20,000 yards long and between 3/4 and 1 mile deep. The hills which rise to the east render this beach easy to defend against a seashore landing. The Durres-Kavajs road and railway run parallel to this beach. The beach was mined by the Germans, but is now cleared after two years' work.

c. Lushnje-Fier-Semani: This beach is between 15,000 and 30,000 yards long and between 1 and 1 1/2 miles deep. The hinterland is marshy in places. The

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Lushnje-Fier-Vlone road runs at a distance of 20 kilometers from this beach. The hills in the hinterland do not exceed 300 feet in height. The area is impassable in places during the winter because of mud.